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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. 25X1A

TOPIC Merseburg Airfield 25X1A

EVALUATION see below 25X1A PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 18 November to 11 December 1951

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 18 November and 2 December 1951, the landing field in the northeastern section of Merseburg airfield was graded. Construction equipment which was no longer used was being shipped away. All roads approaching the landing field were blocked. Classes were held and close order drill was practiced near the hangars of the field. There was no flying.
2. The field was enlarged to the northeast beyond the former Lauchstaedter Strasse between 2 and 11 December. The new area was graded by 9 December, and all the construction equipment was removed. An Adcock DF station was being erected on 7 December. *
3. On 7 December, excavation was under way about 50 meters from Hangar 3, where about two hundred 200-liter barrels, four small and seven large fuel containers were observed. A fuel dump will probably be constructed there. estimated the diameter of the fuel containers at about 2.5 meters. The large containers were 3 to 10 meters long and the small containers had a length of 4 to 5 meters. 25X1X
4. On 11 December, the landing field including the runway was serviceable. No tents or trucks were observed on the landing field. The runway including the rolled extensions to the west and east was 3,000 meters long. There were no runway or boundary lighting facilities.
5. The barracks buildings were occupied by an estimated 1,000 men. The air force soldiers billeted on Geusaerstrasse were restricted to quarters while the artillery soldiers were allowed to leave their quarters. All of the air force soldiers wore propeller insignia. The ranking officer observed was a lieutenant colonel. Three majors, several captains, senior lieutenants, lieutenants, and five paymaster officials were also seen. All of the officers but only a portion of the numerous NCOs wore decorations while the privates wore no decorations. **

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Comment. For the location of Adcock DF station, see Annex.
Comment. The information on the completion of construction, the erection of a DF station, and the occupation of the barracks buildings indicate an expected occupation of the field by an air unit. [redacted] on 15 December 1951, the field was occupied by a new fighter regiment which was previously stationed in Koethen.

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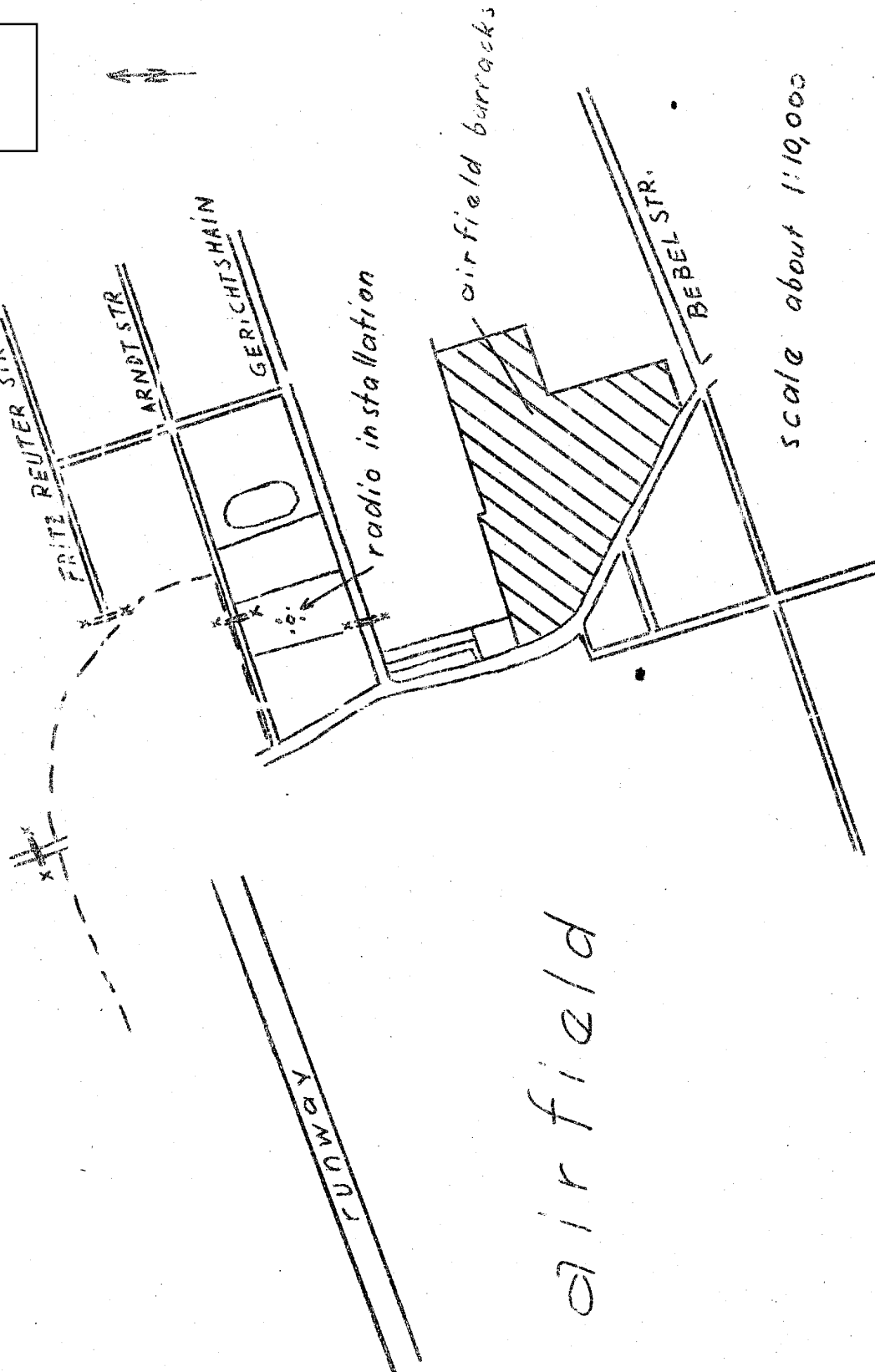
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